

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The storage case as recited in claim 25, wherein~~ A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;

wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base; and

the first catch mechanism further includes at least one metallic pin, whereby application of a magnetic field proximate to the first catch mechanism is effective to

move the first catch mechanism from the first position to the second position.

27-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) ~~The storage case as recited in claim 25, wherein~~ A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;

wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base; and

the first catch mechanism includes a metal pin disposed therein.

43. (Currently Amended) ~~The storage case as recited in claim 42, wherein~~ A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:
a first cover, the first cover including a
seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the
storage and recording medium, and

a second cover coupled to the first cover and
capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area,
when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the
first cover and the second cover;

wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured,
the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the
first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably
mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable
between a first position where the first catch mechanism
extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second
position where the first catch mechanism does not extend
beyond the periphery of the base;

the first catch mechanism includes a metal
pin disposed therein;

the pin has chamfered portions on a top and
bottom thereof; and

the first catch mechanism further includes
shelf extensions which engage the chamfered portions to
thereby retain the pin within the first catch mechanism.

44-48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently Amended) ~~The storage case as~~
~~recited in claim 25, wherein:~~ A lockable storage case for
storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage
case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;

wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base;

when the first catch mechanism is in the first position, a portion of the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base of the lock;

the first catch mechanism is moveable to a third position where the entire first catch mechanism is disposed outside the periphery of the base of the lock;

the first catch mechanism further includes a first flange extending therefrom;

the base includes a second flange extending therefrom; and

the first and second flanges are disposed so that when the first catch mechanism is in the first or the second position, the second flange abuts the first flange

and inhibits the first catch mechanism from moving to the third position.

50. (Currently Amended) ~~The storage case as recited in claim 49, wherein~~ A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;

wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base;

when the first catch mechanism is in the first position, a portion of the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base of the lock;

the first catch mechanism is moveable to a third position where the entire first catch mechanism is disposed outside the periphery of the base of the lock;